

TODAY, PALM SUNDAY - After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, the word of this great miracle brought many crowds, to not only see Jesus, but also Lazarus. As Jesus was coming into Jerusalem riding on a donkey – may people were cutting down branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road crying out, “Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

TODAY’S BULLETIN – **THE KING RIDES ON IN GLORY**

What a marvelous thing it is: here we are in the Twenty-first Century, a modern, scientific age, and we gather in our churches to remember the day Christ got on a donkey and rode into Jerusalem!

Several hundred people rejoiced to see Him, waved branches of trees, put cloaks in His path and shouted: “Hosanna, Son of David. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.”

He seemed such an insignificant figure, riding on a donkey. A few days later, Roman soldiers arrested Him and brought Him to trial for sedition. He was found guilty and crucified on a cross and buried. One would think the world would quickly forget such an incident as that.

But Christ is still riding on! After two thousand years, people still sing “Hosanna” to Him, study His teaching, still try to live His way of life, still recognize His way is the only way to save themselves and the world, still proclaim Him Lord and King. People by the millions all over the corners of the earth, call themselves by His name. They love Him and serve Him. And we, today, join in that chorus which hails Jesus as our King and Master.

Today we Christians testify to the world that we have a King with spiritual rather than material power. His kingdom is not of this world. We are not forced to have Him as our Master, we freely choose to obey and love Him.

Church ritual today preserves some the joy involved in that symbolic ride. Branches are blessed on this day and distributed to the faithful. They, in turn, keep these momentous in their homes – perpetual reminders of their King and the suffering He bore for them. Yes, Christ is still King and rides on in Glory!

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May you all on this Great Palm Sunday enjoy the traditions of the Holy Church and feel proud and faithful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – for He is Truly our King and our God!

*Peace to all with love in Christ,
Fr. Timothy*

For your information I am listing the Gospel readings for Holy Thursday:

HOLY THURSDAY GOSPEL READINGS:

Gospel 1 – John 13:31-38; 14-18:1

Gospel 2 – John 18:1-28

Gospel 3 – Matthew 26: 57-75

Gospel 4 – John 18: 28-40; 19:1-16

Gospel 5 – Matthew 27: 3-32

Gospel 6 – Mark 15: 16-32

Gospel 7 – Matthew 27: 33-54

Gospel 8 – Luke 23:32-49

Gospel 9 – John 19: 25-37

Gospel 10 – Mark 15: 43-47

Gospel 11 – John 19: 38-42

Gospel 12 – Matthew 27: 62-66

*These readings can be found at these websites:
[fatheralexander.org>booklets>english>gospel12_e](http://fatheralexander.org/booklets/english/gospel12_e)
[goarch.org>chapel>lectionaryHWTH](http://goarch.org/chapel/lectionaryHWTH)*